



The Alaskan Way Viaduct & Seawall Replacement Project

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APRIL 2005 COMMENT SUMMARY

Introduction

The Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement Project database contains 4,998 comments, 135 of which were submitted in April of 2005.

Origin of Comments

One hundred and three of the comments received came from attendees at community briefings held by the project team. Thirty-one comments were submitted via e-mail and one comment via phone.

One hundred and two comments were received from the central area of the project, seven from the northern area, and five from the southern area. Five comments were received from outside the project corridor and the origin of ten comments could not be determined.

Comment Categories

Each comment submitted is categorized by the content of the message. Please note that depending on content, some comments were grouped into more than one category. There are 60 comment categories divided into six sections. The sections are economic, structures/locations, transportation, design and construction, and environmental/public safety. The comment categories range from cost and freight to traffic, air pollution and public safety.

Sample comments are listed below by section.

Design/Construction:

This group includes categories such as construction, urban design, the Seawall, and engineering. There were 81 comments identified in this group.

- Do you expect to study transit-oriented development and will development of parcels that are made available through this project coincide with the Central Waterfront Plan?
- How are you integrating the Council's guiding principles into the design work of the surface street?

- What happens if the Viaduct's movement does reach the 6-inch threshold before construction begins?
- Show design constraint and clear pedestrian paths in the space.
- What happens to the seawall in the rebuild alternative, is it replaced separately?

Economic:

The group includes categories such as cost, funding, property value/acquisition, and tolls. There were 26 comments in this group.

- Are any of the CTMP projects going to be permanent improvements and therefore eligible for funding from other projects or agencies?
- What is the commitment of the Port of Seattle towards contributing funds for this project?
- How do we weigh the remarks made by Patty Murray that \$1 billion is not a realistic number to expect from the Federal government?
- In the tunnel, will freight still be able to move through the tunnel?

Transportation:

This group includes categories such as traffic, connections/circulations, pedestrians, and bicycles. There were 22 comments in this group.

- Is the Viaduct team coordinating its construction management and traffic mitigation projects with the Colman Dock team?
- Will there be consideration given toward reconfiguring I-5 to free up space for better mobility?
- Are you evaluating moving the streetcar to Western during construction?
- Are we going to need to reconfigure the downtown streets to accommodate increased transit regardless of Viaduct construction?

Environmental/Public Safety:

This group includes categories like noise, public safety, earthquakes, and visual quality. There were four comments in this group.

- As a commuter using the Viaduct daily, I do not want to travel in tunnels, especially when a great view is available just above.
- Green should go all the way to the waterfront.

Transit:

This group includes categories like monorail, light rail, and transit. There were 15 comments in this group.

- Are you considering changing the downtown construction coordination if the Monorail schedule keeps slipping?
- Are you evaluating moving the streetcar to Western Avenue during construction?